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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: A. MURCHING ET AL.  
Serial No.: 09/496,068  
Filed: FEBRUARY 1, 2000  
Title: A PROCESS TO EXTRACT REGIONS OF HOMOGENOUS COLOR  
IN A DIGITAL PICTURE  
Examiner: C. LAROSE  
Art Unit: 2623

**Response to Office Action**

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313

Sir:

In response to the pending Office Action mailed on February 28, 2002 for which a shortened statutory period of three (1) months ending April 28, 2003 was set in which to respond, please consider the accompanying remarks. Applicants request a three-month extension, ending on June 28, 2003, to respond to the mailed Office Action.

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Please incorporate the elements of dependent Claim 2 into Claim 1, as indicated.

Please add new Claims 7 and 8 as indicated.

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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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1001	750	2001	375	Utility filing fee	
1002	330	2002	165	Design filing fee	
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Total Claims	Independent Claims	Multiple Dependent	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid

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1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20	
1201	64	2201	42	Independent claims in excess of 3	
1203	280	2203	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
1204	64	2204	42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent	
1205	18	2205	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	

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1091	130	2091	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1092	50	2092	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIA prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIA after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	110
1252	410	2252	205	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	630	2253	465	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,450	2254	725	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	1,970	2255	985	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	320	2401	160	Notice of Appeal	
1402	320	2402	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	280	2403	140	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,610	1451	1,610	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,300	2453	650	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,300	2501	650	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1802	470	2802	235	Design issue fee	
1503	630	2503	315	Plant issue fee	
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17 (g)	
1808	180	1808	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	750	2809	375	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
1810	750	2810	375	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
1801	750	2801	375	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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SUBTOTAL (3)

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